

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Eugene Grant (LATE), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Kelly Porter (LATE), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (ABSENT), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson (ABSENT), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, City Treasurer, Vincent Jones, City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Jacqui Battle-500-502 70th Street, Seat Pleasant, MD- Ms. Battle has stated that she would like to see monies allocated in the budget for the evening transportation for the residents to attend the Public Meetings. Ms. Battle stated that she had requested the city to invest into the robo call system. Councilmember Porter stated that we had researched this request in the past and the cost was approximately \$2,000. Mayor Grant stated that the system cost is per telephone call.
- Mayor Grant stated that it is unfortunate that the room is not full with residents tonight. He stated that the residents would like to provide input on the budget.
- Council President Porter stated that we had advertised the Public Hearing in the Gazette, Newsletter and mailed postcards to the residents.
- Mr. Ashton stated that the citizen would complain that they had not had an opportunity to meet or have an input in the budget. He stated that the Mayor and City Council changed the process about five years ago by having the public hearings before the council deliberated on the budget. Mr. Ashton explained the Bus Shelter Line Item in the budget. He stated that the money

reflected in the budget line item is revenue for advertisement on the bus shelter.

- Mr. Hodges wanted to know if the City had a website to inform the residents. Mayor Grant informed Mr. Hodges that he can go onto the City website and select the "Notify me sign up" button to receive information.

Council President Porter stated that the residents had two weeks until Friday, May 11, 2012 to provide input on the FY2012-2013 budget.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk